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THEY'RE
GAININ' ON
US, BLACK
DIAMOND!

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THE BLACK DIAMOND LOADS HIS PISTOLS AND PINS HIS MARSHAL'S BADGE TO HIS CHEST WHEN A GANG OF MURDEROUS DESPERADOES DEFEY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE LIFE-SAVINGS OF EVERY LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN IN THE WEST ARE THREATENED! SEE



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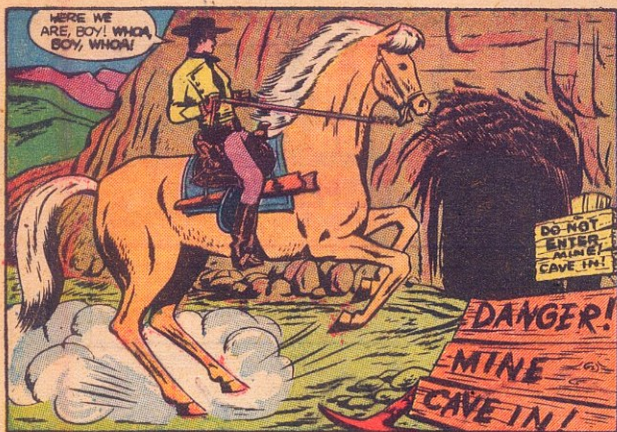
IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

OUT OF THE WEST COMES A NEW CHALLENGE TO THE BLACK DIAMOND—COUNTERFEITING! IN THOSE BYGONE DAYS, BEFORE THE ADVENT OF MODERN MINTS AND BANKS, COUNTERFEITING THREATENED THE VERY SECURITY AND STABILITY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES! RIDE WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND AS HE JOINS FORCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT SECRET SERVICE TO STAMP OUT THIS THREAT TO THE NEW FRONTIER!

THEY'RE
GAININ'
DIAMOND!

GET READY
TO JUMP BUMPER!
I'M GOING TO DRIVE
THE COACH INTO
THE DITCH!





HERE WE ARE, BOY! WHOA, BOY, WHOA!



EASY, PAL!



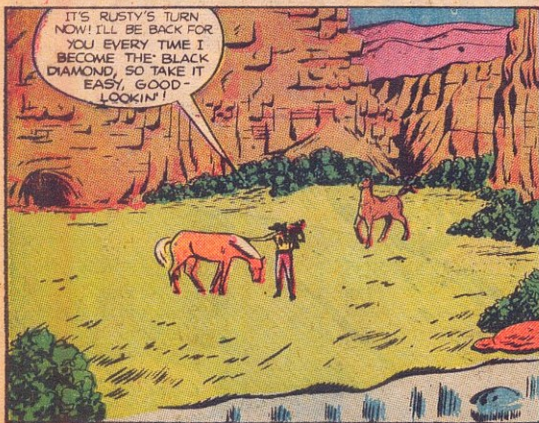
HOLD IT NOW, BOY, WHILE I WIND UP THE WINCH AND OPEN THE HIDDEN DOOR!



DOOR'S OPEN—LET'S RIDE INTO YOUR HAPPY VALLEY, BOY!



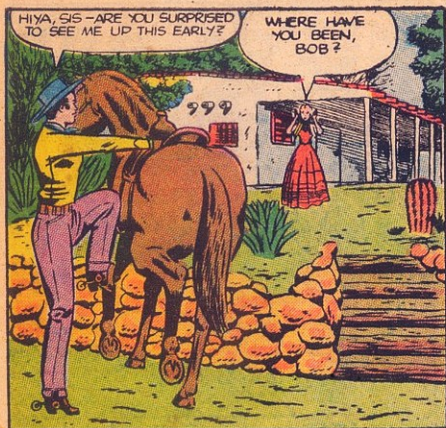
OH-OH, THE SUN'S RISING... WE JUST MADE IT... CERTAIN PEOPLE WOULD GIVE A LOT TO KNOW WHERE I KEEP YOU, BOY! NO ONE WOULD CHANCE COMING INTO THIS CAVE WITH THOSE DANGER SIGNS ALL OVER THE PLACE!

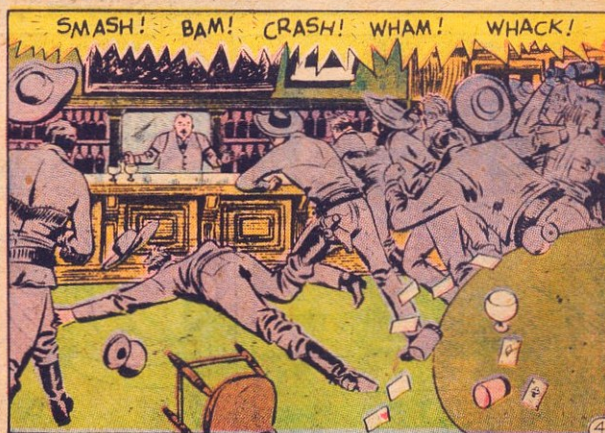


IT'S RUSTY'S TURN NOW! I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU EVERY TIME I BECOME THE BLACK DIAMOND, SO TAKE IT EASY, GOOD-LOOKIN'!



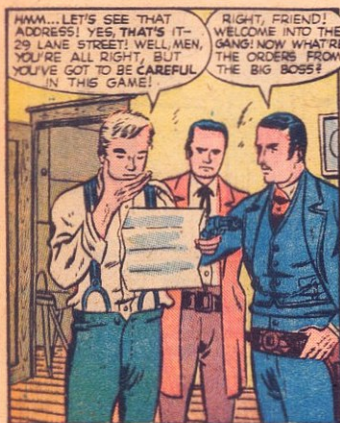
IF I DON'T GET OUT OF THIS OUTFIT AND GET BACK HOME, PROMPTLY I'LL BE MISSED!

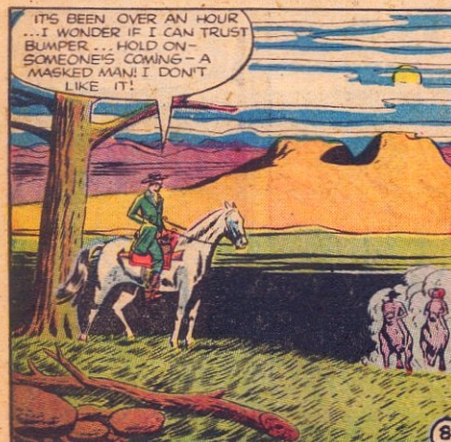
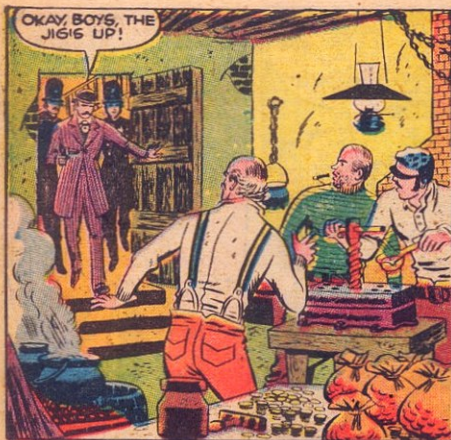


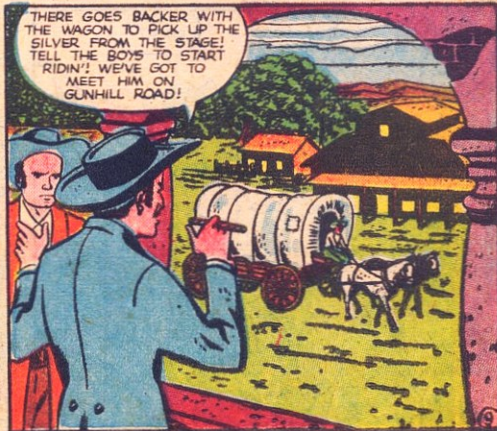
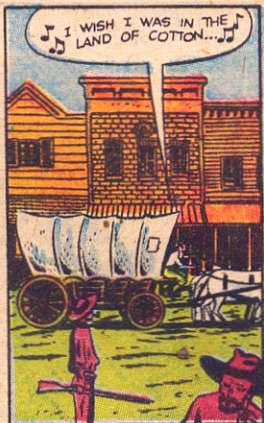














I THINK THIS HERE'S GONNA BE A QUIET RUN, JEFF!

OH, YEAH? LOOK AHEAD— A MASKED MAN IS CUTTIN' US OFF!



DON'T STOP! I'LL PICK HIM OFF!

HOLD IT—I RECOGNIZE THAT OUTFIT! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND! HE'S A SECRET U.S. MARSHAL!



PULL UP, DRIVER! IT'S IMPORTANT!



WHAT'S UP, BLACK DIAMOND?

READ THIS LETTER— QUICK!



WHY—IT'S FROM A GOVERNMENT MAN! IT SAYS TWO MOBS ARE PLANNING TO HOLD UP THE STAGE! WHY, MAN ALIVE, WE'D BETTER TURN THE STAGE AROUND AND GET MOVIN' BACK TOWARD TOWN—RIGHT?



NO—WRONG! WE'VE GOT A WAGON AND HORSES WAITING! LOAD YOUR PASSENGERS AND SILVER ABOARD AND GET BACK TO TOWN! WE'RE TAKING THE STAGE THROUGH—EMPTY!

WHAT??



WHY, YOU'RE CRAZY, MAN! IT'S SUICIDE— THE TWO OF YOU FACING TWO ROBBER BANDS!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US! WE'LL HANDLE 'EM!



HEY, BASZO, I SEE DUST! MAYBE THE STAGE IS COMING!

GOOD! WE'LL CATCH IT ON THE RISE! SADDLE UP, BOYS!



HEY, BOSS! I HEAR HORSES! THE STAGE MUST BE COMIN' UP THE RISE!

WHERE'S THAT BLASTED BACKER WITH THE WAGON FOR LOADIN' THE SILVER ON TO?



WELL, MEN, YOU KNOW THE PLAN... THE BLACK DIAMOND WILL DRIVE THE STAGE INTO THE TRAP AND WHILE THE TWO GANGS ARE FIGHTING OVER IT, I'LL BE DROPPING YOU OFF AT ONE HUNDRED YARD INTERVALS... OUR JOB WILL BE TO SURROUND THEM AN' CLEAN UP WHAT REMAINS!



I WISH I WAS IN THE LAND OF COTTON...



HERE COMES THE STAGE, BASZO!

LET'S RISE!



BASZO'S GANG IS RIGHT BEHIND US, DIAMOND!

GOOD! NOW IF WE CAN JUST LAST UNTIL WE MEET THE COUNTERFEIT GANG COMING THE OTHER WAY!



BOSS! BOSS! LOOK! THE STAGE IS COMING OVER THE RISE, AND BASZO'S GANG IS HOT BEHIND IT!

WHAT! WHY THOSE MANGY PIGS! COME ON, BOYS, WE'LL RIDE DOWN AND MEET THEM! THAT SILVER IS OURS!







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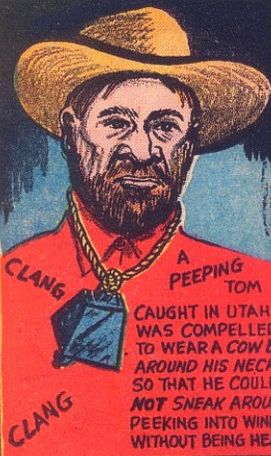
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ARCHIE ROSS
California

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A PEEPING TOM
CAUGHT IN UTAH WAS COMPELLED TO WEAR A COW BELL AROUND HIS NECK - SO THAT HE COULD NOT SNEAK AROUND PEEKING INTO WINDOWS WITHOUT BEING HEARD!



"LARK" SMITH LIVED IN THE MIDDLE OF DEATH VALLEY IN A ONE ROOM SHACK! HE HAD A SIGN IN FRONT OF IT WHICH READ: "FRESH FISH AND OYSTERS FOR SALE" THE NEAREST BODY OF WATER WAS 200 MILES AWAY BUT THERE WAS A MIRAGE LAKE JUST A HALF MILE AWAY FROM THE SHACK...

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**GEE! JOHNNY,
HOW CAN I
GET ONE?**



**SO LONG FELLAS!
UNCLE JIM IS
TAKING ME
UP IN HIS
NEW PLANE**

**SEE YOU
LATER,
JOHNNY**



**HIGH ENOUGH
FOR YOU,
JOHNNY?**

**I'LL SAY -
THE GANG LOOKS
LIKE ANTS WAY
DOWN THERE**



**WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
UNCLE
JIM?**

**IT'S A GOOD
THING I COULD MOVE
UNCLE JIM - NOW IF
I CAN ONLY LAND O.K.**



**WHO GOT THE
PLANE DOWN
AFTER I FAINTED -
HOW DID WE
LAND?**

**YOU'RE A HERO,
JOHNNY, LANDING
THAT PLANE ALL
BY YOURSELF**

**IT WAS EASY!
I LEARNED TO
FLY WITH MY
U-FLY-IT
IT'S SUPER!**



**A
TRUE
WILD WEST
STORY**

"BOWIE" BEN MARSH and "CRAZY" JAKE DUDLEY

TWO TREACHEROUS CRITTERS WHOSE OWN DECEIT BROUGHT ABOUT THEIR DEFEAT!

BACK IN 1870, A HOST OF HARDENED KILLERS ROAMED THE PRAIRIE STATES AND PLAGUED THE WEST WORSE THAN ANY CLOUD OF DESTROYING LOCUSTS, BUT THE LAWS OF MAN REPLACED THE LAW OF THE GUN, AND THE OUTLAWS SOON SLEPT IN THEIR BOOTHILL CEMETERIES! HOWEVER, THE OUTRAGES OF MOST BADMEN WERE PALED BY COMPARISON WITH THE EXPLOITS OF TWO CULPRITS FROM BOLTON, MONTANA...

IT'S "BOWIE" BEN MARSH AND HIS PAL, JAKE DUDLEY! WE'VE GOT 'EM CORNERED IN THE ROCKS... (ULP)... LOOK OUT FOR THAT BOWIE KNIFE!

THINK WE CAN HOLD 'EM OFF, BEN?

SURE, JAKE! AS LONG AS YOUR ARROWS AND MY KNIVES HOLD OUT!



IT WAS ON AN AFTERNOON IN 1854 WHEN "BOWIE" BEN MARSH AND "CRAZY" JAKE DUDLEY MET, AND THE MEETING WAS AS STRANGE AS THE MEN THEMSELVES!

OKAY, MISTER! REACH!



WHY, YOU SNEAKIN' WEASEL- I'LL RUN THIS KNIFE DOWN YER THROAT!

HEH, HEH! HE HAWW! HE HAWW!





LOOK, FRIEND... I COULD HAVE PUT THAT ARROW IN YOUR HEART EASILY... AND THAT'S WHERE THIS ONE IS GOING, UNLESS YOU EXPLAIN WHY YA BEEN TRAILIN' ME!

HUM? I DIDN'T KNOW FOR SURE WHO WAS TRAILING WHO!



RECKON I WAS FIGURIN' ON RELIEVIN' YOU OF ANYTHING YA MIGHT HAVE WORTH TAKIN'! BUT I ADMIRE A MAN WITH TALENT-THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T WORK TOGETHER, IS THERE?



IF YOU PUT AWAY THAT KNIFE, MAYBE WE CAN DO SOME TALKING- BUT REMEMBER-I CAN DRAW AND SHOOT QUICKER'N YOU CAN LIFT YOUR ARM!

AT THE MOMENT YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE- BUT DON'T UNDERESTIMATE MY ABILITY!



SO THAT WAS HOW THEY MET AND JOINED IN A STARTLING PARTNER-SHIP THAT PUT FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF HONEST MEN AND HARDENED KILLERS ALIKE! IT WAS A WEIRD FRIENDSHIP BUILT ON MUTUAL DISTRUST...



TAKE TH' ONE ON THE FAR SIDE AS THEY PASS, BEN- AND MAKE SURE YA DON'T MISS!

HAVE I MISSED YET, YOU COYOTE? JUST TEND YOUR END AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF MINE!



LET 'EM HAVE IT, BEN!

HERE GOES!



BOY! WHAT A HAUL THIS IS! IT'S OUR BEST YET!

DON'T TALK SO MUCH AND TOSS THAT STUFF ON THE GROUND SO I CAN SEE WHAT YOU'RE GETTING, JAKE!



YOU'LL GET YOUR FAIR SHARE, BEN! I'M NOT A BIGGER CROOK THAN YOU! NOW WHAT ABOUT THE HORSES? WE CAN SURE USE 'EM!



SOMEBODY'S LIABLE TO RECOGNIZE 'EM... IT'D BE LIKE WRITIN' AN INVITATION TO OUR OWN HANGING PARTY!

WE CAN BURY TH' TWO BODIES! THEN IF ANYBODY ASKS US, WE TELL 'EM THOSE BELLEERS SOLD US THEIR MOUNTS!



HALF AN HOUR LATER...

THIS IS THE LIFE! WE SHOULD'VE GOT SOME HORSES LONG AGO! HEY, DON'T YANK AT HIS BRIDLE, JAKE!

I NEVER COULD HANDLE A HORSE! THIS ONE WILL BE THE DEATH OF ME, BEN!



WITHIN A MONTHS TIME, THE CITIZENS OF BOLTON GOT DAILY REPORTS OF THE PARTNERS' VICIOUS EXPLOITS...

ANOTHER KILLING, MARSHAL! WE JUST FOUND SAM WHARTON DOWN BY COPPER CREEK WITH A KNIFE IN HIS BACK! SAM'S GUN WAS STILL IN HIS HOLSTER! WE HAVE ONE CLUE - WE FOUND AN ARROW NEAR THE CREEK!

WHAT? POOR SAM DIDN'T HAVE A DIME! WHY'D THEY WANT TO KILL HIM?



WHAT ARE WE GOIN' TO DO, MARSHAL? WE'VE GOT TO STOP 'EM, OR IT WON'T BE SAFE TO VENTURE OUT OF TOWN! . . .

STOP 'EM? WHO? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO TO LOOK FOR. DICK - WE SUSPECT BOWIE BEN MARSH, BUT HE HAS NO USE FOR INDIANS. HE WOULDN'T TRAVEL WITH ONE!



HOW DO YOU KNOW IT WAS AN INDIAN ARROW YOU FOUND? ANYWAY, BOWIE BEN MARSH WOULD RIDE WITH THE DEVIL FOR A HANDFUL OF GOLD DUG! I SAY, LET'S GO AFTER HIM!

I AGREE WITH YA, WILSON - AND WE START RIGHT NOW!



WE'LL SEPARATE INTO FOUR PARTIES AND START SEARCHING NEAR COPPER CREEK! NOW GO HOME AND SADDLE UP! WE'LL MEET BACK HERE IN HALF AN HOUR!



SOMETIME LATER THAT DAY... NOT FAR FROM COPPER CREEK...

WHOA! BEN! THAT LOOKS LIKE A POSSE! WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I THINK WE BETTER VAMOOSE QUICK! I'VE NEVER SEEN A BUNCH OF MEN RIDING LIKE THAT UNLESS THEY WERE OUT TO GET SOMEBODY!



HOLD ON, BEN! I CAN'T OUTRIDE A POSSE - AND YOU AIN'T LEAVING ME!

STOP POINTING THAT ARROW AT ME! WHAT GOOD'S IT GOIN' TO DO YOU IF THEY HANG ME, TOO? WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, SIT HERE TILL THEY COME FOR US?



WE CAN SCARE THEM OUT OF SENDIN' POSSES AFTER US BY PICKIN' OFF THEIR MEN FROM UP ON THOSE ROCKS! C'MON - THEY WON'T SEE US UP THERE!



OKAY, JAKE - LET 'EM HAVE IT! - BUT BE SURE NOT TO MISS!

DON'T WORRY, I AIN'T MISSED YET!



AGHHH!

WE GOT 'EM ALL!

OH HH!

BOYING

BOYING



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE QUICK!

I'M WITH YOU, PARTNER! I'M GOIN' TO PUT A HEAP OF MILES BETWEEN ME AN' THAT MOB!



AS THE TWO MEN RACE OFF IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM THE POSSE...



LOOK! ONE OF 'EM HAS A BOW SLUNG OVER HIS SHOULDER - GET 'EM, BOYS!

HEY! THERE'S MORE OF 'EM!

NOW YA GOT TO RIDE, JAKE!



I - I CAN'T MAKE IT, BEN! LET'S HEAD INTO THOSE TREES - I'ROUND THAT BEND! WE'RE GONERS IF THEY GET US!

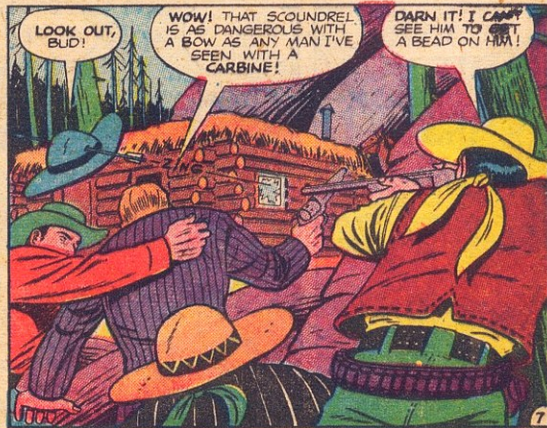
WHAT D'YA MEAN, US? I GOT ENOUGH OF A START ON 'EM! OH-OH-KAY BUT NEXT TIME I KEEP RIDIN'!







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STAMP PAGE

by Sidney M. Elias

Money On Stamps

THE monetary units as shown on the stamps of most of the Latin-American countries have odd sounding names and in many cases are confusing to stamp collectors. These countries while under Spanish domination, all used the Peso as their chief currency, however, when many of them secured their independence they also changed the name of their monetary unit.

The countries of Chile, Colombia, Argentine, Mexico, Uruguay, Paraguay, Cuba and the Dominican Republic, still use the Peso as their currency.

In Panama, the monetary unit is the Balboa, which has been adopted in 1906 in honor of Vasco de Balboa, the Spanish explorer who crossed the Isthmus and discovered the Pacific Ocean. On the stamps of Panama the values read "Un centesimo de Balboa" which means one cent of a Balboa.

Salvador and Costa Rica both use the Colon as their money which in Spanish means Columbus. Naturally, this currency was named after Christopher Columbus (Cristobal Colon) the discoverer of America.

Guatemala calls its monetary unit the Quetzal, named after a rare and beautiful bird found in the mountains of Central America. The Quetzal has also been adopted as the national emblem of Guatemala for as it cannot live in captivity, it is considered a sign of freedom and liberty.

In Honduras, the Lempira is the currency and it is named after an Indian. The 20-centavo stamp of the 1927 issue shows a picture of Lempira, however, it was not until 1933 that the peso was changed to the Lempira.

In Venezuela, the 'Bolivar' and in Bolivia, the 'Bolivano' are both named after Simon Bolivar, the liberator of most of South America. While in Ecuador, the Sucre has been named after General Sucre who under Simon Bolivar helped to secure Ecuador's freedom.

Peru calls its currency the Sol which in Spanish means the sun.

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STORY**

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HANGED
OCT. 10, 1887

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SAGE CITY, LATE IN JULY, 1887...



I'LL RAISE YOU TWENTY, SEARLE!

I'LL SEE YOU!

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WELL, I'LL BE IT'S MY HALF-BROTHER JOHN—SO HE'S AN ACTOR! I'LL SURPRISE HIM AFTER HIS PERFORMANCE TONIGHT!



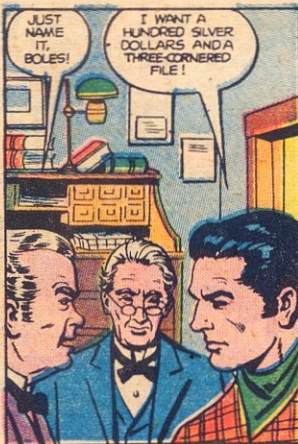
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I'M RIDING BACK TO MARTON, DEUCE! WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?

I'VE GOT A POKER DATE WITH THE SHERIFF TONIGHT THAT I'D BETTER KEEP! WE'LL LAY LOW FOR A WHILE! YOU STAY IN MARTON TILL YOU HERE FROM ME!



YOU'RE BIDDIN' FIFTY, DEUCE? I'LL COVER THAT AND SEE YOU!

READ 'EM AND WEED, SHERIFF! A PAIR OF KINGS AND A PAIR OF DEUKES!



THE FULL-HOUSE I'M HOLDING SAYS I GOT THE POT!

BY GOLLY! THERE'S ONE OF BOLES' MARKED COINS!



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NOT YET, SHERIFF! I'M CONVINCED HE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE INVOLVED IN THESE ROBBERIES! I WANT TO CHECK FURTHER BEFORE WE MAKE A MOVE!



YOU THINK SEARLE'S MOTHER MIGHT UNCOVER SOMETHING?

I'M PLAYING A HUNCH, SHERIFF! YOU KEEP AN EYE ON SEARLE WHILE I'M GONE!



MY FIRM'S ANXIOUS TO LOCATE YOUR SON, MRS. SEARLE! CAN YOU HELP US OUT?

I THINK I CAN! WHICH SON ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? JOHN HAMILTON WHO'S MY SON BY MY FIRST HUSBAND, OR DEUCE, BY MY SECOND?



I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD TWO SONS! PERHAPS IF YOU COULD GIVE ME MORE INFORMATION-

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"SHORTY"

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FLOYD BEATON

A gentleman at all times who tipped his hat to ladies and never carried a gun. But when it came to capturing the notorious Cooper brothers, he proved that wits are sometimes handier than bullets.

IT WASN'T healthy for a man to pin a gold badge on his chest and call himself Sheriff in Farrow, Arizona, back in 1880. Six fearless, gun-toting lawmen had met untimely deaths in as many weeks at the hands of the three Cooper brothers, when the new Sheriff, Floyd Beaton, rode into town.

Some said they might as well start digging another grave on the windswept hill where Farrow's six former officers of the law were buried. For the Coopers, Matt, Dan and Bill, were the fastest trigger-men in the county. They had robbed, murdered and plundered at will and so far no sheriff or posse had been able to stop them.

One of the main reasons the Coopers were able to defy law and order was their hide-out. It was common knowledge that after a robbery or killing, the Coopers holed up in an old shack in the hills. But this shack was so situated that it was impossible for a posse to shoot it out with them. It was surrounded on three sides by solid mountain rock. There was only one approach to it, a narrow trail which led straight to the front door. From here the Coopers could pick off any posse, one by one, from within their well-guarded bastion. And it was sheer suicide for a man to try to tackle the brothers single-handed.

It was not surprising then, that when the townspeople got a look at the man who had been sent to capture the brothers, they snickered and made open bets in the Farrow City Saloon that he wouldn't last a week. For Floyd Beaton was the unlikeliest looking Sheriff they had ever seen. He was short and of slim build. When he spoke, it was in a gentle, quiet tone. His manner was always that of a gentleman. Above all, he did not carry a gun.

No one had a good word for the new Sheriff except the youngsters, whom he made friends with immediately. If you couldn't find Floyd in the Sheriff's office, you'd find him sitting in front of the general store, with a group of boys about him. He'd be telling them yarns or whittling

them wooden replicas of his own golden badge. Some mothers even got in the habit of having Floyd mind their children for them while they went shopping. Obviously, this was no way for a Sheriff to act, and the town felt justified in thinking Floyd would not be with them for very long.

For seven days following Beaton's appointment, the Cooper brothers had kept well hidden. Folks figured that they were as puzzled by the new Sheriff's strange actions as the rest of the town. They were probably just sitting up in that impenetrable hide-out waiting for Beaton to take some action. As for Floyd, he just went on day by day tipping his hat politely to the ladies and teaching the kids new games.

In vain, the citizens of Farrow tried to persuade him to carry a gun. Finally, Big Jim Donovan, owner of the saloon, asked Floyd the question that had been bothering the whole town.

"How do you expect to catch the Cooper brothers without a gun?" Big Jim queried.

Beaton was busy whittling a toy for one of the youngsters. He didn't look up as he quietly asked, "Your other six Sheriffs carried guns, didn't they?"

"Guns?" roared Big Jim, "Why they wouldn't walk to the corner without two six-shooters in their hands!"

Floyd gestured with his knife toward the hill where Farrow's former officers were buried.

"Reckon it didn't do them much good," he said.

Big Jim took off his hat and scratched his head in bewilderment.

"I never knew a Sheriff who didn't have any use for guns," he said, "it don't make sense."

Beaton continued carving the toy with unconcern.

"Don't worry about me," he said pleasantly. "I know what I'm doing. I'll get the Coopers, but I'll have to do it in my own way."

He put down his whittling knife and the perfect little wooden horse he had carved.

"I reckon they're sitting up on the mountain planning some sort of mischief right now."

Beaton was right. On the night of July 3, 1880, the Coopers broke their week-long silence. Most of Farrow's menfolk were off in nearby Junction City for a cattle-meet when the brothers came riding into town to rob the Farrow City Bank. Floyd happened to be in Farrow, instead of at the cattle-meet, because he stayed to help the kids make fire-crackers for the next day's celebration.

Those who were left in Farrow never forgot the way the Coopers descended from the mountains upon the unguarded town. They came riding into the city, six-shooters blazing in every direction, not caring who got in the path of their gun-fire. They rode their horses right up the steps of the Farrow City bank, shot kindly old Jim Jones, the watchman, and made off with the safe's contents.

Jim Jones died in Floyd's arms, but not before he had heard Beaton swear to bring the Coopers to justice that very night.

Some of the folks tried to persuade Floyd to wait until the menfolk got back into town before going after the Coopers. But he just shook his head, swung onto his big grey mare, and rode off toward the Cooper hide-out.

Big Jim Donovan called after him.

"Floyd, you fool! You're riding to a sure death. At least take my gun!"

Beaton turned around in his saddle and the last words he spoke before he disappeared around a bend in the road were,

"You know I ain't got no use for guns."

An hour later, the boys riding back from the cattle-meet at Junction City got the surprise of their lives.

At the base of the trail which led to the Coopers' hide-out, they came upon Sheriff Floyd Beaton, riding his big grey mare. Behind him were three straggling figures. Their hands were tied behind their backs and a lead rope attached them to Beaton's saddle.

While the men gaped, Floyd smiled pleasantly.

"Lo, boys," he said, "thought it was about time I brought in these Coopers that have been bothering you. I guess you haven't heard they robbed the bank while you were gone."

"Well, if that don't beat all," one of the men exclaimed, "Beaton's captured the Cooper boys single-handed!"

Matt Cooper spat out of the side of his mouth. "Single-handed?" he said derisively. "No man in this county could of brought us in alone! He's trying to get the glory for himself when all the time he had fifty or sixty men with him!"

"Yeah," Bill Cooper spoke up. "He had us surrounded! Maybe you got us Coopers, but it took a whole army to do it!"

One of the Farrow boys spoke then.

"A whole gang?" he said. "Why, that's impossible! We were all over in Junction City at the cattle-meet. Beaton, I'm puzzled. How did you do it?"

"Why, shucks," Beaton answered in his usual gentle manner. "I just borrowed a few dozen fire-crackers from the kids and set them off around the Cooper's cabin. When they heard all the noise and gun-fire, I guess they thought a posse had them outnumbered and cornered. They just walked right out, yelping for mercy, and surrendered." Then he turned and surveyed the Coopers with a level look. "If you were good American citizens," he said, "you'd know tomorrow is the fourth of July."

The next day Floyd Beaton was the most lauded man in Farrow City. The kids crowded around to congratulate him and the women beamed at him with pride.

Big Jim Donovan walked over to Floyd, and asked,

"You mean to tell me you captured those Coopers without the use of a gun?"

Floyd grinned. "Sure," he said, "when they came walking out of the house hollering for mercy, they still thought they were surrounded by a posse. I just roped them in with my lasso."

"How come you never learned to shoot?" Big Jim persisted.

Floyd motioned for Big Jim to follow him outside, and practically half the town went with them. He grabbed Jim's six-shooter and before you could blink an eye he carved his initials with bullets in a wooden fence-post two hundred yards away.

Big Jim was so surprised he could only stare in amazement.

"I never said I didn't know how to shoot," Floyd said, "I just said I ain't got no use for a gun."

THE END

**A
TRUE
WILD WEST
STORY**

Sheriff DUSTY CULLENBINE

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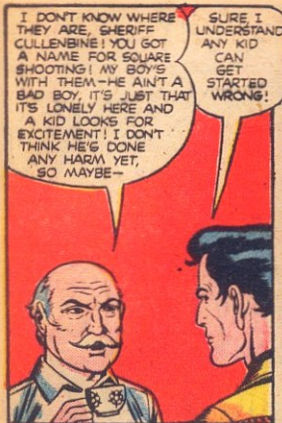
BUT THERE IS NO STOPPING THE FORCES OF THE LAW... AND IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE SHERIFF DUSTY CULLENBINE ARRIVED IN KELL'S TERRITORY...

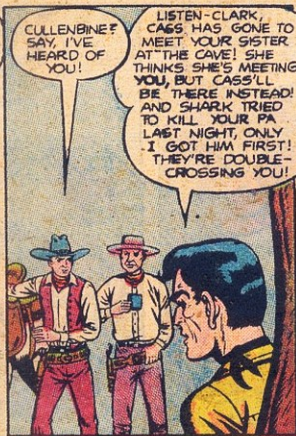
















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